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New York State Education Department

EXAMINATIONS FOR STATE CERTIFICATES

REGULATIONS AND PROGRAM

Albany, Oct. 15, 1905

Attention is directed to the following extract from the consolidated school law of 1894, title 1, section 10, relating to the powers of the Commissioner of Education in regard to state certificates: "He may grant under his hand and seal of office a certificate of qualification to teach, and may revoke the same. While unrevoked, such certificate shall be conclusive evidence that the person to whom it was granted is qualified by moral character, learning, and ability, to teach any common school in the State. Such certificate may be granted to him upon examination only. Every such certificate so granted shall be deemed and considered a legal license and authority to teach in any of the public schools of this State without further examination . . . any provision of the law in conflict with this provision to the contrary notwithstanding."

Term. This certificate shall be valid for life, unless revoked for cause.

Force. It shall be valid in any public school of the State.

Experience required. In order to be admitted to the examinations, candidates must have had two years' successful experience in teaching. Attendance at a training class or a state normal school for one year will be accepted for one year's experience.

Candidates must be residents of the State, or declare their intention to teach in this State.

Educational requirements. A standing of at least 75 per cent is required in each of the subjects of group 1, and an average standing of at least 75 per cent in the subjects of groups 2 and 3, but no paper in either of these groups showing a standing of less than 50 per cent will be accepted.

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Group 1

Algebra	Grammar
Arithmetic	Penmanship
American history	Physiology and hygiene
Geography	Spelling

Group 2

Bookkeeping	English and American literature
Botany	Geology or zoology or astronomy
Chemistry	Methods and school economy
Civil government	Plane geometry
Composition and rhetoric	History and principles of education
Drawing	Physics
General history	

School law

Group 3

Any one of the following subjects:

Latin through the first three books of Caesar's Commentaries
French, simple prose
German, simple prose
Spanish, simple prose

Candidates may combine for a certificate the percentages gained at any three consecutive examinations.

A standing of 90 per cent or more in any subject shall be valid for five years.

Standings earned in this examination may be applied towards other credentials, according to the general regulations.

Dates and places of examinations. Aug. 20–24, 1906; Aug. 19–23, 1907; Aug. 24–28, 1908; Aug. 23–27, 1909; Aug. 22–26, 1910. The examinations will be held at the following places:

Albany—at high school building
Binghamton—at high school building
Buffalo—at normal school building
Chautauqua Assembly
Elmira—at the academy
Kingston—at Kingston Academy

Liberty—at high school building

New York—at the training school for teachers, 119th street and 2d avenue

Ogdensburg—at the academy

Plattsburg—at normal school building

Rochester—at high school building, Fitzhugh street

Salamanca—at high school building

Syracuse—at new high school building

Utica—at advanced school building

Watertown—at high school building

Scope of examinations. It is expected that each candidate will have covered, in each academic subject, the amount of work ordinarily required in a high school course. In the examinations each subject will be viewed largely from the teacher's standpoint and candidates should be prepared to give clear presentations, explanations and proofs.

There will be no special topics for study except in English and American literature. The examination in these subjects will be based on the high school reading course. In outline this is as follows:

Reading. Certain books are set for reading. The candidate is required to present evidence of a general knowledge of the subject-matter, and to answer simple questions on the lives of the authors. The books set for this part of the examination are:

In 1906, 1907 and 1908: Shakspere's *Macbeth* and *The Merchant of Venice;* the *Sir Roger de Coverley Papers;* Irving's *Life of Goldsmith;* Coleridge's *The Ancient Mariner;* Scott's *Ivanhoe* and *The Lady of the Lake;* Tennyson's *Gareth and Lynette, Lancelot and Elaine*, and *The Passing of Arthur;* Lowell's *The Vision of Sir Launfal;* George Eliot's *Silas Marner.*

Study and practice. The books set for this part of the examination are:

In 1906, 1907 and 1908: Shakspere's *Julius Caesar;* Milton's *L'allegro, Il penseroso, Comus and Lycidas;* Burke's *Speech on Conciliation with America;* Macaulay's *Essay on Addison* and *Life of Johnson.*

General regulations

1 The printed questions will be sent to the examiners in sealed envelops, and these will be first opened in the presence of the class at the time indicated in the accompanying program for the examination in each subject.

2 For evidence as to good character and successful experience, reference may be made to school commissioners, city superintendents and principals of academies and high schools.

3 All applicants entering the examination for the first time must be present Monday afternoon, and must register their names and give such other information as the examiners may require, before taking a question paper. Candidates who have passed in a part of the subjects at a previous examination, need be present the half days only on which the examinations occur in those subjects which they intend to take but they must be present at the beginning of such half day session.

4 The examination in each subject is restricted to the half day designated in the accompanying program.

5 Penmanship will be judged from the papers on geography.

6 In the solution of all problems process should be indicated. The simple answer without the process by which it was obtained will not be accepted.

7 Candidates will not be permitted to take to the examination room books or papers of any description.

8 Collusion or communication between candidates during the examinations or wilful misrepresentation in statements furnished will wholly vitiate their examination.

9 All statements and answers must be written with ink.

Uniform paper, pens, pencils and memorandum pads will be supplied by the Department.

Candidates should make themselves thoroughly familiar with the above regulations.

Candidates will be informed of the results of the examination as early as practicable.

Statement of candidate

Examination held at..... [*Date*].....

Full name.....

Residence.....

P. O. address....., age....years. Successful experience in teaching.....years.

Give three references as to experience, with names and postoffice addresses.

Is this your first examination for a state certificate?.....

If not, when and where were you present at previous examinations?.....

Give three references as to moral character, with names and postoffice addresses.

If you are not a resident of the State of New York, do you intend to teach in this State?

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement is correct in every particular.

[*Signature of candidate*].....

Copies of the above statement will be supplied at the examinations.

Program of examination

Monday

2 to 5 p. m.

Registering Grammar Civil government School law

Tuesday

9 a. m. to 12 m.

Arithmetic American history

2 to 5 p. m.

Composition and rhetoric Geology Chemistry

Wednesday

9 a. m. to 12 m.

Algebra English and American literature

2 to 5 p. m.

Geography Methods and school economy Spelling

History and principles of education

Thursday

9 a. m. to 12 m.

Plane geometry Physics

2 to 5 p. m.

Drawing Botany

Friday

9 a. m. to 12 m.

Physiology and hygiene Bookkeeping

2 to 5 p. m.

General history Zoology Astronomy

Latin French German

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